

Smith Tops Orators, Dell Takes Declamations

With the delivery of his oration, "England Must Win", Roger Smith, senior, was acclaimed the victor in this year's oratorical contest. He dealt with the necessity for Great Britain's triumph in the present conflict. Helen Jane Williams placed second in the contest with her oration, "The Slums Must Go", in which she depicted the need for slum clearance in the United States today. Placing third in the contest, John Kennedy discussed the problem of post war economics in his selection, "Look to the Future".

Other contestants were: Marion George, who presented "The Eagle Screams", a picture of patriotism; Mary Ellen Speer, whose selection, "A Rendezvous With Destiny", dealt with the future of American youth; and Joan Schrepper, who gave "Under the skin", showing the need for moral rearmament against sabotage.

The contest, held after school, March 10, in the auditorium, was attended by adults as well as members of the student body. The judge was Professor Frederick McKay, head of the Speech Department of the Normal College.

Lucretia Dell and Sam Clark won the annual declamation contest. Miss Dell will represent the school at sub-district.

Seven sophomores from the tenth grade English classes participated in the annual declamation contest, March 19. The contest was a part of the all-school assembly and was judged by Dr. Harry Wood of the Normal College speech department.

Each student in the English classes chose and memorized a selection. Eliminations were held in class with daily votes being taken.

Groups Prepare '41 Class Plays For Next Week

Tickets have been distributed, final rehearsals scheduled, costuming has been completed, the make-up schedule posted, and stage crews have received final instructions in preparation for the presentation of five one-act plays Wednesday and Thursday by the juniors and seniors.

"The Wonderhat," "The Intruder," and "The Potboiler" will be presented as the feature plays of the programs. Two more junior plays, "Five For Bad Luck" and "Murder on the High Seas" will alternate to fill out a four play program each night.

These selections were made as a result of the one-act play contest held March 12. Judged by Dr. Joseph Kelly of the Michigan State Normal College dramatics department, each play was presented in its entirety.

Variety Assured

These choices will insure a fantasy, a drama, and a comedy for the programs while a murder-mystery and a comedy will alternate. Of the three feature plays, double casts will be used wherever possible, while picked casts will act in the alternating plays.

Mrs. Jack Lockwood and Miss Davis, Central High dramatics teachers and 20 of their students were guests at the contest.

Marion George, Jean Edwards, Alfred Burrell, and Tom Harris have been elected general chairman of the plays by their classes.

Music will again be provided by the Roosevelt School orchestra under the direction of D. Chester Ryan.

Ushers have been chosen from the junior and senior classes. Marcia Geddes will be chairman of the ushers.

Direct Stage Crews

Under the student direction of Arlo Cox and the faculty supervision of Mr. Matt Lappinen, Neul Snodgrass, Donald Hagen, Bill McCalla, Stan Snodgrass, Bob Northrup have been picked to work as stage hands and electricians.

Kathleen Holloway, Jane Finnegan, Jane Crampton, Helen Williams and other students are working with Miss Margaret Gotts in arranging for properties and any necessary costuming. Miss Margaret Robinson will again supervise the make-up and she will be assisted by Dorothy Bissell, Doris Holly, and Kay Holloway, and Normal students.

Ticket sales are in charge of Miss Vera North with Alfred Burrell, Bob Holloway, Barbara Sylvester and Ralph Browning as assistants. Mrs. Helen Swete, Miss Thelma McAndless and Mr. Harry Broad are faculty chairmen of publicity with Jane Crampton, Margaret Pillsbury, Ben VandenBelt, Morgan McCalla, Virginia Batalucco, and Ted Weber as student assistants.

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Roosevelt Orchestra Wins Contest In State-wide Preliminaries

Win Climaxes Ryan's Six Years of Work

Capping several months of intense preparation, the Roosevelt School orchestra under the direction of D. Chester Ryan won the Southeastern Michigan Class C orchestra contest. The orchestra captured the prepared music section of the contest and were second in the sight reading division of the meeting.

Defeating University High of Ann Arbor in these two contests, the orchestra qualified for the state contest to be held at Lansing in the near future.

In winning the title in the prepared music section, the orchestra presented "The Children's Prayer" from Hansel and Gretel by Humperdinck, and the "Cavalier Overture" by Isaac.

Mr. Ryan took over the task of directing the Roosevelt band and orchestra six years ago. Starting from the beginning, Mr. Ryan furnished a strong nucleus by teaching many of the instruments himself. After grounding this group in fundamentals, they were designated as the school orchestra and all students who had had enough instruction were invited to join. This plan has been carried on to the present day and under Mr. Ryan's direction, younger musical students are trained in the underlying principles of playing together so that they may join the orchestra.

Besides directing the orchestra, Mr. Ryan is in charge of the band and has used much the same system in providing a ground-work for that unit. He also directs the Michigan State Normal College Band. In recognition of his work with that unit, the Men's Union of the college recently voted to enlarge the scope of the work and cooperate with the organization.

Seniors Select Schools

Several seniors have enrolled in various colleges for the coming year and many are investigating the opportunities offered by different schools.

Directs Orchestra



D. Chester Ryan

Abercrombie, Seleska, Love to Captain Teams

For the first time in recent athletic history, a Roosevelt team will have co-captains when Bill Love and Del Seleska lead the Rough Rider cagers next winter. Bob Abercrombie will captain the swimming squad.

All of the three captains have worked three years on their respective sports. Seleska was high scorer for the varsity with Love a close runner-up. Abercrombie was the ace Rough Rider back-stroker finishing in a tie for second place at the state meet.

20 varsity and reserve letter-winners have been announced by the coaches. Basketball monogram winners are Captain Bob Hopps, Love, Seleska, Frank Whitehouse, Glen Merryfield, Glen Durham, Phil Fletcher, Bob Holloway, and John Kennedy. Alfred Burrell receives a varsity reserve award. Members of the reserve basketball team who earned letters are John Hewens, Bob Moorman, Ken Richardson, Wendell Schoolmaster, Richard Meldrum, LaMar Miller, Charles Nutting, Thomas Harris, Gillis Turner, Ray Wingrove, and Stanley Snodgrass. Brookshire Richardson receives the managerial award.

Captain Arlo Cox, Abercrombie,

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Council Enforces Sponge Week

Reviving Leap Year traditions, the school week of March 10-15 was declared Sponge Week by formal proclamation of the Student Council. During this period all the courtesies usually required of the boys were to be performed by the female contingent of Roosevelt's student body. The proclamation came as a result of action taken in the regular bi-weekly session of the Student Council, March 11.

Bob Hopps, Student Council president, read the proclamation in assembly Wednesday. Sponge week was climaxed by the annual Gold Diggers' Party sponsored by the sophomores.

A Student Council party, enforcement of ping-pong table regulations, and regular committee reports were other items of business taken care of at the Tuesday meeting.

The laying of plans for the annual Student Council party to be presented late in April have been discussed by members. In answer to requests of students, the party may be scheduled as a masquerade. Committee chairmen reported on activities and methods for enforcing ping-pong regulations were reviewed.

Amateurs Present Annual Assembly

Sixteen student acts composed the fourth annual Roosevelt Amateur hour presented to the all-school assembly, Wednesday, March 12. As in past years, Mr. Matt Lappinen arranged the extensive program while John Kennedy acted as student chairman.

With Chopin's "Military Waltz" Bob Evans opened the program. Dorothy Davis and Mary Dyer then presented a duet, "Call of the Canyon." As the second piano solo, Joan Heyler played Rubinstein's "Kamenoi Ostrow." Another duet followed, this time by Grace Sauers and Mary Alice Warner singing "I Hear a Rhapsody." Following Mar Lou Miller's tap dance, Jane Crampton sang "Sweet Song of Long Ago."

Accompanied by June Bird, Beverly Curtis danced an unusual East

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Our Spring Sports Deserve Support

Right now we salute the three teams that represent Roosevelt in the spring athletic wars.

We bow to the tennis men because they annually bring home titles and trophies. Coached by Principal Menzi they are probably the outstanding net team for their class in this section of the state.

For similar reasons, the track men receive their laurels. In the past four years, Roosevelt trackers have brought home their share of League, regional, state, and relay honors. So to Coach Matt Lappinen and his fine squad, a salute.

The base-ball team is honored because of the "intestinal fortitude" they show each year. Each year they lose the diamond they have found the previous season, and each year they start from scratch and with no place to play ball turn out an amazing team. To Coach Arthur D. Walker and the diamond men who can overcome such odds, another salute.

Now, there are three fine teams. But each of these team suffers from a malady that is lacking in other Roosevelt squads. They receive no student support. Fine home schedules have been arranged this year and the three teams are giving Roosevelt students another chance to exonerate themselves. Let's show the teams we appreciate their courage and ability.

If Your Criticisms Are Valid, Get Busy

How often have you heard students remark that our school parties are repetitious, always being the same, and therefore, monotonous and not worthwhile?

That seems to be a common complaint among Rooseveltians, and for that reason, it has been suggested that a costume party be the next in order. Such a venture would vary the usual routine which is found at our dances and serve as a stimulus for attendance.

If you, too, want to see an improvement in Roosevelt parties, why not help us and get behind plans for a masquerade dance?

THE OUTPOST

And then there was that great junior actor, Frank Whitehouse. As Frank told Director Lane: "When I act the audience sits glued to their seats." After rehearsal Mr. Lane countered with this: "It's a novel way to keep them there isn't it."

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Everyone isn't concerned with the plays however. The sophs had a time selecting declaimers for the assembly and the work they have put on their declamations is colossal if you believe what the sophs say. For the record, may we point out the work of one junior in the declamation contest. George Black did a fine job but was ineligible for competition because he is a junior.

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There is something brewing in the junior high and we'll lay ten to one that it is a Pan-American pageant. If they do as good a job as last year, they should present something well worth while.

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Betty Cooney manages to make news some way every issue it seems. Last time she said men were "catty—even more so than women". At a recent church dinner, Betty ate two chicken dinners in the space of less than three hours.

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This paper is not authorized to print advertisements but we will give Rowland Sylvester and his "Old Mill Products" a plug. He has put the product on the market and has several testimonials to back up his sales talk. One of these comes from a faculty member who earnestly claims the pancake flour was extraordinary.

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A certain editor promised Captain Bob Hopps he would not write the story when he beat the basketball captain in basketball. Then the editor promised himself he would not mention it when Hopps won the next four games.

Back to the plays again. John Barrymore, the greatest "ad libber" of the modern stage, has nothing on Noel Campbell who plays the part of a villain in "The Potboiler". The cast waits expectantly each day to see what Campbell will pull and they are seldom disappointed. If he cannot think up a new action or line, he merely invents several new words. Watch for him when you attend the plays.

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We can't forget that economics test. Mr. DeBoer put the questions on the board and here is the paper one student handed in.

Question: Copyright?

Answer: Well, I try hard but I didn't think anyone knew about it.

R.H.S. Council Committee Completes Party Schedule

The assembly committee of the student council with John Kennedy as its chairman has set dates for the three ensuing school parties. The first of these will be next Friday when the sophomores present their undecorated party.

The Senior spring party has been scheduled for May 1. Ted Thomas and Morgan McCalla have been selected as co-chairmen for the event.

POETRY

Nature

CORNER

THOUGHTS ON THE AMERICAN COUNTRYSIDE (1941)

Nature! God's most precious gift to man.

Gaze upon the broad expanse of bright green sward.

(Ignore the rusty cans, the broken bottles, the coils of wire)

Look down upon the rolling banks of streams.

(Look past the fast decaying bones of long dead cars)

Cast your eyes upon the brawny monarchs of the wood.

(Consider not the carvings on its mutilated bole)

Stroll down a cool and wooded country lane.

Watch the cattle grazing in a flowered field.

(What matter if the roadside woad is fenced;

Mind not discarded rakes or rusting plows)

Look up! Look up and see the evening rays of old Sol.

Watch how the colors glance from cloud to cloud.

What matter that power lines blot out the sky;

Who cares if poles do punctuate the scene)

Gaze out upon the fields of brown-ing grain.

(It matters not that billboards come between)

Rolling acres, mounds of deep green trees.

Nature's palace, enjoyed by one and all

And then one day, a careless hand; a flame!

Miles of burnt and blackened stumps.

This: this is man's reception of God's gift.

By Richard L. Davis.

VOICE

Student

OF THE

How Doy You Like Our School Parties?

On the whole I think they are O. K.—Kay Holloway.

I like formals—Myrle Warner.

Everyone seems to enjoy themselves so I would say they were quite a success.—Janet Esler.

We have some of the best school parties around here.—Alfred Burrell

They are the best in town—Herb Smith.

(Ed. Note—It has long been a belief around Roosevelt that our parties were "poor" in comparison with those of other schols. This year has seen several fine parties presented and sentiment has changed. The social committee of the student council recently made a survey asking for suggestions for new parties and in answer to requests voiced in the survey, a costume party will probably be put on later in the year.)

Kennedy heads the orchestra committee, Bill Swihart will chairman the decoration group. The two co-chairmen will head the clean-up committee.

The Student Council will present their party a week earlier and yet plans have not been formulated although the Council will probably appoint members as chairmen of the various groups.

Carter and Band Highlight Party

Warner, Clark Chairman Gold-diggers Affair

Clark as co-chairmen, the Gold Diggers Ball, sponsored by the sophomore class was presented March 14 with them usic of Hal Carter and his band as the feature.

The ball climaxed "Sponge Week" when girls took over all male courtesies. The girls were hosts at the party, and provided not only invitations but transportation and refreshments. Soft drinks, candy, and potato chips were on sale at the party.

Robert Dunn was in charge of the orchestra committee.

Faculty sponsors were Miss Thelma Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Golczynski. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Warner, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Menzi, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. VandenBelt, Miss Margaret Gotts, Miss Thelma McAndless, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Walker, Miss Vera North, and Miss Margaret Robinson.

Seniors Place Orders, Make Graduation Plans

Orders for senior invitations and name-cards have been placed with Bastian Bros. of Rochester, N. Y. With Marian George as chairman, seniors made their choices and filed their orders.

Seniors have elected Glen Durham as chairman of the senior assembly committee. Plans are under way for the program.

Bob Hopps has been elected to supervise the senior trip committee and correspondence has started with several travel concerns.

Roosevelt Clubs

"The finest work done this semester"—That is how the boys' cooking class appraises the tapioca pudding made in their meeting, March 12.

On March 19 the Girl Scouts assembled at the college library where they were the guests of Mr. Frederick Cleveringa. He guided them through the library and demonstrated the methods of book-binding.

At the March 10 meeting of the Boy Scouts an advancement hike was planned for the following week end. Plans are also being made for the Upper Peninsula Hike which will come later. The same evening the boys attended a movie at the high school.

Will Attend Convention

The annual convention of the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association will be held at the University of Michigan May 1, 2 and 3. Headquarters for the convention will be the Michigan Union Building.

Members of the Rough Rider staff will attend the meetings and copies of the paper will be entered in the clinic which is staged as a part of the convention by the University School of Journalism. The conference is under the supervision of Mr. John Brumm of the University faculty.

'M' Union Announces Annual University Day

For the fifth consecutive year, due to popular request, the Michigan Union is sponsoring the annual University Day, Saturday, March 29th. The program is staged by the undergraduate members of the union to assist high school seniors in adjusting themselves to collegiate problems.

It has been the purpose of the program to put at the disposal of the student the benefit of the experience gained by Michigan students. During the day each student is given a chance to learn the general organization of the University and in addition may consult with the department heads concerning academic regulations and general information on college life.

The social program for the day will include a special luncheon in the Union and a coke dance in the afternoon.

A special feature of University Day will be the Engineering Open House. This exhibit will include displays by Civil, Aeronautical, Mechanical, Naval, and Chemical Engineering groups and should be of special interest to students planning to enter engineering as a profession.

Roosevelt students interested in attending this conference should see Principal L. W. Menzi immediately.

Eckley Outlines Work of Director

Mr. Olin C. Eckley, personnel director of the Central Specialties Manufacturing Company, told senior economics students of his duties in an informal address before Mr. Lawrence DeBoer's class, March 12.

He pointed out the tremendous need in industry of young people who can apply themselves. He showed specific cases where employees have worked diligently and advanced rapidly.

Mr. Eckley also sketched the lack of machine tools for training mechanics and said Ypsilanti High's facilities for such training are stretched to capacity.

In concluding, Mr. Eckley outlined workmen's insurance, accident benefits, unemployment benefits, and hospitalization.

Amateurs

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Indian temple dance, "Temple Nautch." After Catherine Ratti sang "Beautiful Dreamer," John Wiles presented an accordion selection. Pat Du Pont, accompanied by Lucretia Dell, sang "Night and Day." Jo Cooney tapped to "Notre Dame's Victory March"; Doris Jedele and Evelyn Lappinen sang "There'll Be Some Changes Made." With Miss Lillian Ashby accompanying them, Betty Giles, Joan Schrepper, Leora McLean, and Celia Stoltz, sang "Pale Moon."

The "Lockerroom Trio," John Kennedy, Bill Swihart, and Glen Durham, harmonized on old favorites.

Jimmy Davis and his Little Collegians closed the program with four selections. The modern dance orchestra was composed of Gillis Turner, Stan Snodgrass, Everett Chapelle, Herb Smith, Bob Abercrombie and Betty Giles.

Zone Defense, Three Swimmers Down Bewildered Junior Men

P.T.A. President



Mr. Mac F. Begole

—who is directing the Roosevelt-Rackham P.T.A. in its numerous projects this year. Mr. Begole and his assistants have made plans that will carry through to the completion of the school year.

National Honor Society Candidates to be Chosen

Candidates for the National Honor Society will be chosen from the 11th and 12th grades immediately following the third marking period. Students in those grades have until spring vacation to prove themselves further.

Hopps, Holloway Lead Attack

Bewildering the juniors with a zone defense and three swimmers, the seniors defeated their traditional rivals 19-13 in an intra-squad basketball game March 13. The seniors, Captain Bob Hopps, Bob Holloway, Glen Durham, and John Kennedy found themselves without another player. It so happened that Herb Smith, Arlo Cox, and Rober Smith were floating around the locker-room at the time, so they were promptly signed up to play. These three swimmers alternating at the missing position played a good game, and Herb Smith even scored a point.

According to pre-game predictions the juniors were to pile up a big score to win. This reasoning looked good, because the juniors had scored most of the points in the regular season. The seniors had only two boys on the first team, Captain Hopps and Holloway, while the juniors had the rest. It seems that the seniors had been content to let the younger members of the squad score the points, while they did the passing and took care of most of the defense.

In the game Thursday, the seniors showed some team play, and Holloway crashed through for eight points and Hopps for six. Thus these two scored more points than the whole junior team, but they also combined with their teammates to put up a good defense.

In closing the seniors offered some advice to the players returning next year: "Work together, pass the ball around, and concentrate on defense. We admit that there will not be very much individual glory, but the team will get a reputation and you will win a lot of games."

An Observer's Opinion

Few Turn Out to Hear Orators; Question Box Uncovers Readers

The majority of the pupils of Roosevelt have really missed something. Oh at least the small audience at the annual school oratory contest seems to proclaim this fact. The orators presented interesting speeches in a professional manner. And yet, there couldn't have been more than 15 Roosevelt students present at any time. It's all over with for another year, but perhaps we can remember and produce a fine audience when it rolls around again next year. Congratulations go to the six speakers on their work.

There must be some truth in the statements that the press owns power. In the last issue we printed an editorial urging increased use of the Student Council Opinion Box. Today the president of the council handed us one of the questions which had been placed there. It was from a student, it was an inquiry, it was an interesting question. So we can conclude that someone actually reads our editorials. Maybe they read the paper too thoroughly for the question was, "Why the unusual form of the Rough Rider's first page?"

One thing we would like to see happen here at school is the striking of a happy medium in the voice pitch of students. One student will scream his answers out (one teacher asked the other day if students talked as loudly at home as at school) and another will whisper. If you are careful and adjust your voice, you may not venture a quick and foolish decision. Hold your tongue in check, and it will control both quantity and quality of the sound emitted.

The work of Roosevelt faculty members and students these past two weeks deserves mention. Especially do we want to congratulate Mr. Ryan and Mr. Lappinen. Mr. Ryan brought the orchestra through to a stirring showing in the Class C preliminaries at Ann Arbor. It has been work, work, work for the orchestra and their conductor and they deserve congratulations. Mr. Lappinen evidently believes that there is nothing that cannot be topped. Each year he brings forth a fine amateur show and this year's edition was the best yet.

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Hopps Airs Views of Swimmers

Roosevelt's swimming team has just finished its first undefeated season in dual meet competition. Although they failed to win the state Class B meet, losing by one and one-half points, they defeated one class A school, two B schools three times, and U high the only other Class C team in the state twice.

Captain Arlo Cox was easily the outstanding member of the squad. The past season served as a climax for Cox who won races in four years of competition. Swimming in his favorite events, the breast stroke and the individual medley, Arlo scored 70 out of a possible 72 points. He won 13 out of a possible 14 firsts and his only defeat came at the hands of a team-mate. Cox was sick most of the season and especially that week, was edged out by Herb Smith. He came back later to set a record in the medley event. "Chub", "Fish-fly" or whatever else you may want to call him holds three school records, one state record and several pool records in other pools.

Although Cox was the only individual to break any records, there were other good swimmers on the squad. The free-style relay team, made up of Noel Campbell, Herb Smith, Roger Smith, and Jim Davis, could always be counted on for a good race and set one school record in their event. They would have had a trophy for first place in the state meet but for some bad luck in the form of an Adrian swimmer who crashed head-on into Davis and caused Roosevelt to lose the race and the state crown.

The Campbell brothers, Noel and Art, supported by Roger Smith, were the outstanding free-stylers

on the team. Noel was used in the 100 in dual meets, but in the state meet he was switched to the 50 and came through with a second place. He had the fastest time of the meet for the 50 in the preliminaries, but was unable to duplicate his time in the finals. Art, sophomore 220 man, climaxed a good season by placing second in the state meet. Although he had trouble beating Bob Ferguson in early season practices, Art stepped out in the meets and won several races. Roger swam in the relay and the 50. He knew what it felt like to win and always helped the team along with his fine spirit. I think Herb Smith was the hard luck swimmer. Herb always had to swim with Cox, so he took few firsts, but he always was right behind Arlo and defeated him in the River Rouge meet this year. If Herb had been swimming for any other school, he would have won many firsts. Bob Abercrombie and Ted Thomas represented the Rough Riders in the backstroke, and Jim Davis was always close to Cox in the medley. Abercrombie won a lot of races, while the other two added needed points to the team total. Bud Susterka and Herman Keller waged duels in the diving with Bud winning in the dual meets, but Herman edged out Susterka in the state to place.

A basketball player pauses and takes off his hat to a great swimming team. Although they were led by a great captain, it was team balance and that fine spirit that carried them through their successful season. The team was a great tribute to the school, and when we look at the trophy they won in the state meet, we will all remember a fine bunch of fellows.

RHS Courtmen Bewilder Cox

Did you every hear that old saying "Off again, on again, gone again Flanagan"? Well, if you haven't, take note, because the next 300 some words are going to be about the Roosevelt basketball team and this saying.

First, I'll give you some scores to let you know what all this prattling is about. We took our first two wins 26-13 and 17-15 over the Alumni and Saline. Now, reader, look at these scores, and you can begin to see what I mean by my little quotation—but don't go away now because we're just getting started. The next week we walloped Belleville 38-19, and after this fine showing we were ready to let down again, and we were beaten by Edison Institute 33-17. Now, do you see where this little saying comes in? Well, this went on all year, it was just one of those things. Enough of this foolishness now, and we'll review the records.

We find Seleska a somewhat silent hero the top-scorer with Bill Love and Captain Bob Hopps close after him in second and third. Not

only captain, Hopps was the "iron man" of the team. Although most fans don't know it, he averaged six points a game. He is known to opponents as an exceptionally clean player, having very few fouls called on him.

But the end is not in sight yet. Again persuing the records we find some other fellows who broke in the scoring column frequently. Holloway, Fletcher, Durham, Kennedy, Merryfield and Whitehouse are included in this bunch. And we can't forget the football and baseball hero, Alf Burrell, who broke through to compile the amazing total of one point.

The final game was a heart-breaker, and the St. Thomas victory came only on a disputed field-goal.

Although our team had its ups and downs, they were good. They were one of the three teams to hit 50 points in one game and they finished high in League standings. So from a humble "minor sports man" goes a salute to the basketballers and their coaches.

Basketeers Lose To St. Thomas

Disputed Goal Gives Irish Winning Margin

The Roosevelt basketeers concluded their season against St. Thomas on March 6, by dropping out of the district tournament by a tight 30-29 score. The rough game, which saw four men ejected on fouls, was a heart-breaker for the home lads to lose, as it wound up the basketball careers of five Roosevelt seniors.

Rosasco opened the scoring books by dropping a free throw through the basket, but Roosevelt soon pushed ahead on a long shot by Frank Whitehouse. Not much scoring was done in the first quarter, and when the contestants stopped for breath at that period, the score stood at 5-3 in favor of Roosevelt.

The second quarter saw quite a bit of action, and showed the promise of a close game. With the help of two baskets by Whitehouse, and baskets by Bob Hopps and Del Seleska, the score stood at 13 all at the half.

The third quarter was also extremely hard-fought, and the score was in the favor of St. Thomas by 21 to 19, at the start of the last quarter. St. Thomas quickly ran the score up until they had quite a lead, and with only a little more than the minute left to play the score stood at 30 to 25 in favor of St. Thomas. Two quick shots stuck in the basket by Whitehouse and Love, put our boys only one point behind, but there the rally ended. Rosasco's winning basket was disputed on the grounds that he shot after he had committed a foul, but argument was to no avail, as the basket was counted.

Di Matti of St. Thomas was high point man for the game, making 10 points. Frank Whitehouse of the locals was high for his team with eight points.

The summary:

Box Score

Roosevelt				
	FG	F	PF	T
Love	3	1	1	7
Kennedy	1	0	0	2
Holloway	1	3	1	5
Seleska	1	1	2	3
Hopps	1	0	4	2
Whitehouse	3	2	0	8
Durham	1	0	3	2
	11	7	11	29

St. Thomas

	FG	F	PF	T
Rosasco	3	3	4	9
Di Mattia	4	2	3	10
Castro	0	0	2	0
Bayer	1	0	0	2
Bertoni	2	3	4	7
Rodriguez	0	0	4	0
Falcone	1	0	0	2
L. J. Wagner	0	0	2	0
	11	8	19	30

Applications Filed

Four Roosevelt seniors have filed scholarship applications with the alumni committee of the University of Michigan for scholarships at the University next fall. In addition, Bob Hopps will also apply for a Michigan State scholarship. Adelaide Smith, Dorothy Golezynski, and John Kennedy complete the quartet.

Thinclads Work For League Win With Few Men

The 1941 edition of the Roosevelt track team will probably be the most powerful and yet one of the smallest teams in recent athletic history. Coach Matt Lappinen can see a successful season ahead, but only 13 men have reported in answer to the track call issued early in March by Mr. Lappinen.

Led by Captain Bill Swihart the team boasts letter-winners in the persons of Herb Smith, Bob Hopps, Bob Northrup, Dick Meldrum, Lamar Miller, and Everett Chapelle. Reservist Arlo Cox also will report. Leading the new recruits are several potential point winners. Foremost of these is Roger Smith.

The dashes are not definitely set but Chapelle and Miller will probably run in these for Roosevelt. Roger Smith has shown fine form so far on the hurdles and with Cox backing him up, they should form the hurdle team. Captain Swihart and Herb Smith form an almost invincible duo in the quarter-mile. Smith holds the school record in this event, and Swihart has been pushing him. Meldrum in the half, and Hopps and Northrup in the mile round out the fine distance strength of the Riders.

Jim Wingard so far leads the pole-vaulters although Al Herrst and Will Beard will attempt to gain berths on the team in this event. Roger Smith and Swihart have both shown improvement in the shot and Smith leads all high jumpers with Swihart in second place. Meldrum, Chapelle, and Swihart compose the broad-jump squad.

Only four league dual meets will claim the attention of the Riders this year. Probably the stand-out meet of the year will be held here when Roosevelt faces Milan, rated by many observers as the two top teams of the loop.

Either very dumb or patient is Manager Ted Weber who starts his fourth year as manager of the squad.

Clayton Royal, Mitchell Golden, Leonard Winkler, and Larry Skinner complete the number of prospects. All of these boys have started work in preparation for the opening meet of the season, the River Rouge Relays at Ann Arbor on April 5.

Captains

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Roger Smith, Bud Susterka, Herb Smith, Bob Ferguson, Art Campbell, Ted Thomas, Noel Campbell, Jim Davis, and Herman Keller will be awarded varsity swimming awards. Reserve swimming letters go to Jim Chipman, Dick Randall, George Black, Ed Warner, Bob Clay, Bob Dunn, Dick Field, and Phil Harmon.

Seleska has also earned letters in football and as a pitcher on the baseball squad. Love will report for track this spring while Abercrombie concentrates on his swimming duties.

Almost half of the varsity awards went to seniors but the remaining half and reserve strength indicate strong teams for the newly-elected captains to work with next winter. In the case of co-captains, it is the first time that two players have shared the captainship in the athletic history of the school.